

Appln. No.: 10/083,053

Response to Office Action of February 22, 2006

REMARKS

In the Office Action of February 22, 2006, claims 1, 9, 15, 20 and 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bruhn (US Patent 6,452,941 B1). Claims 2-8, 10-14, 16-19 and 21-24 were objected to but were indicated to be allowable if amended to incorporate their respective base claims and any intervening claims. With this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2, claim 9 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 and claim 10, claim 16 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 15, claim 20 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 21, and claim 23 is amended to include the limitations of claim 20. Claims 2, 10, 15, 21, and 25-27 are cancelled accordingly. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, 16, 20 and 23, and all claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

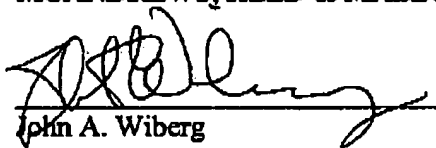
In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1, 3-9, 11-14, 16-20 and 22-24.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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